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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1173
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FIRE IN EXCISE DEPARTMENT BUILDING
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a major fire broke out at an office of Excise Department situated in a high building in Rajendra Place area in Central Delhi in the month of December, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some important documents were destroyed in the fire;

(d) if so, the details thereof and extent of damage suffered by the Excise Department;

(e) whether any responsibility has been fixed in this regard;

(f) if so, the detail thereof;

(g) whether the services of Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) has been requisitioned for enquiry;

(h) if not, the reasons therefor;

(i) whether the matter has been taken up with Delhi Fire Services/Municipal Corporation of Delhi/Central Public Work Department; and

(j) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b): A fire broke out on 22nti December, 2007 at 6th floor, Gagandeep Building, Rajendra Place, New Delhi where Range-13 and Range-14 of Central Excise, Division-lll, New Delhi are situated but no damage was caused in these Ranges as the fire broke out in the private office located adjacent to Range-14 and did not spread on the entire floor.

(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h),
(i) & (j):` In view of above, questions do not arise.